Acting appointments made by the Director of Public Health.

54. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are vacancies of Conservancy Overseers and Vaccinators still pending to be filled up;

(*b*) if so the number of such vacancies; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for not filling up such vacancies?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Vaccinators 15 and Conservancy Overseers 3.

(*c*) The Vaccinators are grouped both in the intermediate and the lower divisions of the Public Service and the question of filling up the vacancies had to be held up pending the decision of Government in the matter of promotions from the lower to the intermediate division. The claims of acting candidates are being considered in consultation with the Public Service Commissioner.

Appointment of a Sanitary Circle Officer in the Kalkulam taluk.

55. ***Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Sanitary Circle Officer, Kalkulam, took privilege leave in 1114;

(*b*) if so, the duration of such leave; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any acting incumbent was appointed in the said vacancy; if not, the reason for the same?

Mr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One month and 15 days.

(*c*) No acting incumbent was appointed in the vacancy. The Sanitary Circle Officer of the Agastiswaram taluk was in additional charge of the Circle. Government considered that during the absence on leave of the permanent incumbent for a period of about 1½ months no substitute was necessary and that the Sanitary Circle Officer of the Agastiswaram taluk could be in charge of the Circle without prejudice to his own work.

Cattle in the State.

56. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of cattle in the State as per the last Census as well as per the statistics if any taken after the last Census;

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